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1. As of 18 January, East Berlin postal workers have been feverishly at work trying to repair the cut cable between East and West Berlin. Soldering teams are busy trying to link 800-pair cables. Competent East postal authorities doubt that the 24 January deadline for re-linking East and West telephone connections will be met.
2. Soviet engineer troops are engaged in running a field cable between the Soviet Embassy on Unter den Linden and Soviet headquarters in Karlshorst. The major part of the cable runs along Stalinallee. Soviet troops were observed opening up and checking telephone cables and connections at cable shafts along various East Berlin streets on 19 January.
3. Effective 20 January, all technical offices of the East Berlin post office such as HTA, PFZ, FOA, Schnellamt on Wilhelmstrasse, and Fernamt Berlin are to have night duty officers physically present in the respective offices. Instructions are to be issued to them as to what to do on "X-day". The new duty officer has nothing to do with normal plant security, which continues as before.
4. Television sets have been set up in 60 East Berlin information centers of the national front in preparation of transmissions of the Four-Power Conference.

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